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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )  
HAUER et al. )  
International Application )  
PCT/EP 99/03469 )  
Filed: May 20, 1999 )  
)  
For: NOVEL PEPTIDE FRAGMENTS FOR PURIFYING PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the ~~above-identified~~ application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 2, delete "or 10".

Claim 12, lines 2 and 3, delete "as claimed in claim 8"

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--;  
line 2, delete "as claimed in claim 8".

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--;  
line 2, delete "as claimed in claim 8".

R E M A R K S

The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to  
put it in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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